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Here we have the tale of a young woman who is thrust by her greedy and lazy family into a world of human vultures to win a fortune with her personal charms. But she surprises them all with her fine traits of character. Her struggles and constant danger are frightening, but she brings help and happiness to men and women who need it much. This is a story with strong pulse. CHEROLEGICA SERVICE SE

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I-Peter Knight, defeated for political office in his town, decides to venture New York in order that the fam-ily fortunes might benefit by the expected rise of his charming daughter, Lorelei.

CHAPTER II—A well-known critic in-terviews Lorelei Knight, now stage beau-ty with Bergman's Revue, for a special article. Her coin-hunting mother outlines Lorelei's ambitions, but Slosson, the press agent, later adds his information,

CHAPTER III-Lorelei attends Million-She meets Merkle, a wealthy dyspeptic, who seems fond of scandal.

fool of him? I suppose you realize her first impression was vaguely dis- sweepstakes to further disgrace herself what it means when a woman of her appointing. Miss Demorest's beauty by dancing with me." He caught Lorestamp gets a man with money in her was by no means remarkable. She let's eye and stared boldly. "Hollo! power? You must know all there is was animated, audacious, vividly alive to know from the outside; it occurred in a daring costume of solid black. to me that you might also know some against and through which her limbs thing about the inside of the affair, flashed with startling effect as she

"I'm afraid not. All I've heard is "Hm-m! Nothing very extreme about the common gossip."

"There's a good deal here that doesn't show on the surface. That done." woman is a menace to a great many Lorelel agreed. She had been star-

people, of whom I happen to be one." ing with all a woman's intentness at "You speak as if she were a danger- this sister whose strength consisted of ous character, and as if she had delib- her frailty, and now inquired: erately entangled him." Lorelei said,



"I Suppose You Know She's Making a Fool of Him?"

defendingly. "As a matter of fact, she did nothing of the sort; she avoided him as long as she could, but he persisted, he persecuted her until she was forced to-accept him. Men of his wealth can do anything, you know." She had scruples?"

"No more than the rest of us. I presunie. She gave her two weeks' notice because he annoyed her; but before the time was up Bergman took a hand. He sent for her one evening. and when she went down there was Mr. Hammon, too. When she came upstairs she was hysterical. She cried and laughed and cursed—it was ter-

'Curious," murmured the man, staring at the object of their controversy.

"What did she say?" "Oh, nothing connected. She called

him of every crime from murder to-"

"Murder!" The banker started. "He had made a long fight to beat her down, and she was unstrung. She seemed to have a queer physical aversion to him."

"Humph! She's got nobly over that." Fschool." "I've told you this because you seemed to think she's to blame, when

it is all Mr. Hammon's doing." "It's a peculiar situation-very, You've interested me. In a way I don't blame him for seeking amusement and happiness where he can find

the introduction of one of Adoree Dem-

and does,"

a time-Lorelei heard him say:

course I didn't allow that."

encore by Mile. Demorest.

he has to keep up his end."

"Bah! He hasn't been sober in a

"You're a dyspeptic. John. You were

born with a gray beard, and you're not

growing younger. He wanted to come

to this party, but-I didn't care to have

him for obvious reasons, so I told

Hammon to refuse him even if he

asked. He bet me a thousand dollars

he'd come anyhow, and I've been ex-

peeting him to overpower those door-

CHAPTER IV.

The hand-ciapping ceased as the

dancer reappeared, smiling and bow-

"I will dance again if you wish,"

she announced, in perfect English, "in-

troducing my new partner, Mr .- " she

gianced into the wings inquiringly-

"Senor Roberto. It is his first public

appearance in this country, and we

will endeavor to execute a variation

Mr. Wharton was still talking.

That's my way of raising a son. I

taught Bob to drink when I drank, to

sicians, Mile. Demorest whirled into

My father raised me that way."

of the Argentine tango."

men or creep up the fire escape."

eh?" Merkle inquired.

I think he's a menace to society."

make a living for yourself at it." The young man grinned, showing it, and yet-I'm afraid of the result." rows of firm, strong teeth. Lorelei, "The city is full of Samsons, and who was watching him, decided that most of them have their Delilahs." he must have at least twice the usual Merkle agreed. "These men put number; yet it was a good mouth-a Hammon where he is. I wonder if good, big, generous mouth. they will let him stay there. It de-

"Thanks for those glorious words of pends upon that girl yonder." He praise: that's more than we're doing on turned to answer a question from Hanthe Street nowadays. Whew! Got nibal Wharton, and Lorelei gave her any grape-juice for a growing boy?" attention to the part of the entertain-He helped himself to his father's winement which was beginning on the stage. Of a sudden the clamor was glass and drained it. "You can settle

disappointingly amateurish. Then a

of the ordinary was occurring.

great joke on Broadway."

of arrogance in New York."

"That is Mr. Wharton's son?"

Wharton grumbled unintelligibly,

"You were superb," said Merkle

warmly. "It's the best thing I ever

saw you do, Bob. You could almost

but it was plain that he was not en-

tirely displeased at his son's prank.

ton cried.

silenced, and indifference gave place now, dad-one thousand iron men. I my wake." to curiosity, for the music had begun owe it to Demorest." "What do you meant

orest's songs. Lorelei had never seen "Debt of honor. I heard she was vaguely amused. this much-discussed actress, whose due here with some kind of an electric "I suppose you know she's making a wickedness had set the town agog, and thrill, so I offered her my share of the



He's running with a fast crowd, and "Why Don't You Ask Miss Demorest?" believe in fairles, too, dad. Introduce me to the Princess.

Merkle volunteered this service, and Bob promptly hitched his chair closer. Lorelei saw that he was very drunk, and marveled at his control during the recent exhibition.

"Tell me more about the 'Parti-color Petticoat' and 'Dentol Chewing Gum.' Miss Knight. Your face is a household word in every street car," he began.

She replied promptly, quoting haphazard from the various advertisements in which she figured. "It never = shrinks; it holds its shape; it must be seen to be appreciated; is cool, re- County, gafreshing, and prevents decay."

sourly, of his son.

laid her in the wings. She thought I was you, dad. Wharton is a grand old exclamation. "Where did you learn those Argen-

tine wiggles?"

"Hard times are to blame, dad. The old men on the exchange play golf all day, and the young ones turkey trot all smoke when I smoked, and all that. night, I stay up late in the hope that (Seal.) I may find a quarter that some sub-The opening strain of a Spanish urbanite has dropped."

dance floated out from the hidden mu- The elder men rose and sauntered away in the direction of their host, view in the arms of a young man in eve- whereupon Bob winked.

ning dress. She was still laughing, but | "They've left us flat. Why? Be her partner wore a grave face, and his cause the wicked Mile. Demorest has him'every kind of a monster, accused eyes were lowered; he followed the in- finally made her appearance as a

tricate movements of the dance with guest. My dad is a splendid shock some difficulty. To Lorelei he appeared absorber. Naughty, naughty papa!" "It's probably well that you came

ripple of merriment, growing into a with her; fathers are so indiscreet." guffaw, advised her that something out Young Wharton signaled to a waiter who was passing with a wine bottle concessors concessor "The-scoundrel!" Hannibal Wharand a napkin.

Merkle observed dryly: "He's won your thousand. I withdraw what I said about him; it requires a gigantic intelligence to outwit you." To Lorelei he added: "This will be considered a is safe in range of your liquid orbs. Miss Knight. Wouldn't mother enjoy reading the list of Hammon's guests at "It is-and the most dissipated lump this party? 'Among those present were Mr. Hannibal C. Wharton, the well-"Bob," the father shouted, "quit that known rolling-mill man; Miss Lorelei foolishness and come down here!" But Knight, principal first-act fairy of the the junior Wharton, his eyes fixed Bergman Revue, and Mile, Adoree upon the stage, merely danced the Demorest, the friend of a king. A good harder. A few moments later he sank time was had by all, and the diners into a chair near his father, saying: enjoyed themselves very nice." He "Well, dad, what d'you think of my laughed loudly, and the girl stirred. educated legs? I learned that at night

"She'd be pleased to read also that you came late, but highly intoxicated." "Ah! Salvation Nell." Bob took no offense. "If the hour was late she'd know my intoxication followed as a matter of course. I am a derivative rows of alcohol, the one and infallible argu-

"You talk as if you were always drunk."

Knight."

"Oh-not always. By day I am frequently sober, but at such times I am fit company for neither man nor beast; am harsh and unsympathetic; I scheme and I connive. With nightfall, however, there comes a metamorphosis. Once I am stocked up with ales, wines, liquors and cigars, I become a living, palpitating influence for good. spreading happiness and prosperity in

"Do you consider yourself in such a

"I am, and, since it is long past the La Salle street, Ottawa, Ili. closing hour of one and the tango parlors are dark, suppose we blow this 'Who's Who in Pittsburgh' and taxicab out to a roadhouse where the bass generation is trotting to the 'Robert E. Lee'?"

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